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Cal Poly Symphony Opens Season with 'Spiller Plays Grieg' Nov. 19

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Cal Poly Symphony will perform two masterpieces of the 19th century at its Fall Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, in Harman Hall of the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center.

Pianist W. Terrence Spiller will perform Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor, a work written when the composer was only 24. Since its premiere, the concerto has been hailed as a perfect showcase for the soloist, an excellent work in the Germanic tradition of Beethoven and Schumann, and a work that draws on the dance rhythms and folk melodic structure of Grieg's native Norway, according to David Arrivé, conductor of the Cal Poly Symphony.

Spiller, chair of the Cal Poly Music Department, is a prizewinner in international piano competitions. He has performed across the U.S. as soloist, recitalist, chamber musician and accompanist.

The symphony will also perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 7. "Completed in 1812, this symphony is an excellent representative of Beethoven's 'heroic' style, erupting into victorious A major, just as Grieg's concerto explores the drama of A minor," Arrivé said.

Tickets for the concert are \$6 for students, \$8 and \$10 for senior citizens, and \$10 and \$12 for the public. They are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (805-756-2787). Discounts are given to patrons who buy tickets to four or more Music Department season events.

The concert is sponsored by the Cal Poly Music Department, College of Liberal Arts and the Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, go online to www.symphony.calpoly.edu, e-mail music@calpoly.edu or call 805-756-2406.

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